

**BERWICK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES JUNE 10, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG – The Berwick Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 85 Municipal Road, Hanover. Present were Supervisors Pete Socks, Tom Danner, Earle Black, Scott Kennedy, Bill Green, Solicitor Tim Shultis, Engineer Tim Knoebel, Zoning Officer/Roadmaster Brian Racine, Secretary Jean Hawbaker.

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS) – None.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Earle Black made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which consists of the minutes of May 13, 2024, bill lists, unpaid bill lists and balance sheets dated June 7, 2024, Police/Fire/AREMS Reports for May 2024, and permits issued in May 2024, seconded by Bill Green. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Green – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

ROADMASTER’S REPORT/EMC UPDATE

- 1) Flagged traffic for tree removal on Race Track Road
- 2) Installed “no parking” signs for Abbottstown Borough
- 3) Removed more area along shoulder of Race Track Road
- 4) Cleared weeds and debris at intersections, and shoulder mowing and cut backs
- 5) Saw cutting for the Villa Vista repair work project
- 6) Sewer plant maintenance, which included trimming pine trees and gutter cleaning

ZONING/CODE ENFORCEMENT

Handled private issues

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1) **Ordinance Codification** – General Code has been keeping us updated on the progress so far.
- 2) **Comprehensive plan update** – Waiting for a meeting to be scheduled with the County.

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NEW BUSINESS

1) Anonymous RTK Request

Pete Socks made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to prepare a resolution establishing a policy for anonymous request, seconded by Bill Green. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Green – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

2) Ordinance No. 2024-03 Hearing (Large Animals & Zoning Amendments)

Pete Socks stated there are a total of 190 properties that have 5 or more acres in the proposed zoning districts for the large animal ordinance. Out of those 190 properties, 146 properties would be permitted to have large livestock. The current ordinance only allows 4 properties to do so.

Tom Danner stated he took the proposed ordinance back to the Zoning Review Committee, and they felt with the proposed ordinance it will allow more residents to have the ability to own livestock, and there are additional zoning districts they will be allowed in, and the amount of acreage has been reduced. We need to make sure there is no over pasturing and no inhumane treatment of animals.

Candi Becker – 762 Hershey Heights Road – Disagrees with the proposed ordinance, and requested that the Board revise it to state the minimum pasture area shall be one (1) acre for the first horse and an additional one (1) acre for every additional horse, instead of two (2) acres for the first horse as proposed.

The hearing closed at 6:15 p.m.

3) Consider adopting Ordinance No. 2024-03

Bill Green made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-03, seconded by Scott Kennedy. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Green – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

4) Consider awarding road bid (Villa Vista)

A question was raised as to why we need to double coat and not just single coat. Had a contractor discuss paving this instead of tar and chipping.

Tom Danner made a motion to table the award until some questions could be answered, seconded by Earle Black. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Green – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

5) Fall Fest Food Voucher quote

Pete Socks made a motion to approve the food vouchers in the amount of \$433.80, seconded by Tom Danner. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Green – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

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6) Hire Road Employee

Tom Danner made a motion to hire Mike Laughman at \$19.50/hour, seconded by Scott Kennedy. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Green – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

7) Resident complaints – Speeding on Race Track Road

Residents on Race Track Road were concerned about the speeding on their Road, and wanted to know what could be done about it. It is a shortcut from Routes 194 and 94. Discussion on talking to the police, speed blinking signs and speed tables. Need suggestions, perhaps put something on the website. Tabled until next month.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

1) Sewer Plant Updates/PennVest Loan

Targeting end of October for the PennVest loan.

2) Salt Shed

Will prepare this to go out for bid.

3) Bridgeview road dedication/80 Bridgeview Drive

June 18th is the target date to extend the pipe. Will be reaching out to Bon Ton Builder's.

4) Legacy Eagle View Discussion – License Renewal

We are reviewing the revised plan and will be finished by the end of the week.

5) Residence at the Bridges proposed easements

Tom Danner made a motion authorizing Tim Knoebel to contact Municipal Services regarding recorded easements and receiving Liquid Fuels. The Board is comfortable with maintaining the temporary cul-de-sac and the stormwater, seconded by Scott Kennedy. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Green – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

6) Hanover Retail Holdings – Final Subdivision Plan – Must act by 6/10/24 – **Request for an extension until 10/30/24**

Tom Danner made a motion to grant Hanover Retail Holdings an extension until October 30, 2024, seconded by Pete Socks. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Green – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

7) Sutton Run Estates – Prel. Subdivision Plan – (Sutton Road) – **Must act by 9/21/24**

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The plan consists of 58 homes, 16 of which will be in Berwick Township. This will be a home owner association, and sewer will go to Abbottstown.

Tom Danner made a motion to grant waivers to Section 304.A.13 to the requirement to provide 1 foot interval contours for existing and proposed contours (2-foot intervals are proposed), and Section 304.B.10 to the requirement of preparing a Traffic Impact Study (a \$1,000 fee per lot has been offered in lieu of preparing a Traffic Impact Study), seconded by Scott Kennedy. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Green – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

Scott Kennedy made a motion to approve the Sutton Run Estates Preliminary Subdivision Plan subject to addressing the comments from KPI Technology dated April 30, 2024, and Adams County comments dated April 1, 2024, seconded by Bill Green. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Green – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

1) **294 & 312 Race Track Road Conditional U&O – Release of Escrow Funds**

Pete Socks made a motion to release the remaining escrow funds to Burkentine Builders since all work has been completed, seconded by Tom Danner. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Green – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

2) **Vulcan Agreement**

Tom Danner made a motion to accept the Stormwater Easement Agreement between Hanover Retail Holdings and Ciocca, LLC., seconded by Scott Kennedy. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Green – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1) A resident asked if a sign could be put up north on Abbottstown Pike due to the Amish horse and buggies.
- 2) Tara Kauffman, representing the Guthrie Memorial Library stated they received a grant to put up a mural in the library and would like to incorporate the township's logo on it. Jean Hawbaker will send her the logo.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into executive session at 7:16 p.m. to discuss the proposed traffic light at Route 94/Hanover Street.

The Board came out of executive session at 8:15 p.m.

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Scott Kennedy made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m., seconded by Bill Green. Motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Berwick Township Board of Supervisors will be held on July 8, 2024, 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 85 Municipal Road, Hanover, PA 17331.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean A. Hawbaker
Secretary/Treasurer
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